

**From:** [Grantham, Nancy](#)  
**To:** [Jackson, Ryan](#); [Gray, David](#); [Coleman, Sam](#); [Bowman, Liz](#); [Wagner, Kenneth](#); [Forsgren, Lee](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Water  
**Date:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 5:46:34 PM

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sent to lee f

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**From:** EOC Public Information <[EOC\\_Public\\_Information@epa.gov](mailto:EOC_Public_Information@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** September 2, 2017 at 5:03:44 PM EDT  
**To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Water

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**From:** Forsgren, Lee  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** EOC Water  
**Cc:** R6HarveyENVL; EOC Environmental Unit; EOC Public Information  
**Subject:** Re: Superfund

This looks good to me

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On Sep 2, 2017, at 4:47 PM, EOC Water <[EOC\\_Water@epa.gov](mailto:EOC_Water@epa.gov)> wrote:

Please let me know if this is helpful:

- EPA and TCEQ are aware that releases of wastewater from sanitary sewers occur during major flood events. The Agencies actively work to monitor those facilities that have reported spills, as well as conducting outreach and providing technical guidance to all other

wastewater facilities in flood-impacted areas.

- EPA water quality sampling plans for Hurricane Harvey flood water are focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites. On Friday, Sept. 1, EPA collected surface water runoff samples downstream of the Arkema facility at four locations outside the exclusion zone near a residential area.

- EPA will continue to take additional samples of Hurricane Harvey flood water in the vicinity of the Arkema Plant to document changes in the concentration of chemicals, and will maintain a 24-hour presence at the incident command operations center.

- EPA is also developing a plan for sampling and monitoring residential wells, in case TCEQ requests assistance in conducting this mission.

Kevin Tingley

EOC Water Desk

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**From:** Forsgren, Lee  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 4:20:26 PM  
**To:** EOC Water  
**Subject:** Re: Superfund

Thanks

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On Sep 2, 2017, at 4:15 PM, EOC Water <[EOC\\_Water@epa.gov](mailto:EOC_Water@epa.gov)> wrote:

Lee,

I will get you a bullet or two soon.

Kevin Tingley

EOC Water Desk

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**From:** Forsgren, Lee  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 3:32:11 PM  
**To:** EOC Water  
**Subject:** Fwd: Superfund

Can you find anything that would be helpful to this effort?

Lee

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**From:** "Bowman, Liz"  
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**Subject: FW: Superfund**

Below is the exchange that spurred the AP story today saying that “no EPA personnel were on scene” at these Superfunds. Now, this reporter is manufacturing this in way that doesn’t do justice to the hard-working folks on the ground who have been working around the clock ...but we need to get ahead of this and the next story, which will likely be about how we are testing water quality for drinking and waste water systems. Can you guys get your teams to pull together a list of each superfund site in the area (30-33?) and the status report for each site? We just need a bullet or a sentence for each site.

Separately, we need to get some information about exactly what we are doing, when and how, with regard to water testing in Houston. I am copying the Water folks here, so they can also assist with this information.

I am working on a draft statement now using the most recent EOC report; **but, please send us additional details on specific Superfund sites and water testing details as soon as possible – with the next few hours, so we can work that into our statement.**

I am going to connect with TCEQ so they know that we are working on this statement also.

Thank you for your help and assistance,  
especially on a Holiday weekend -- Liz

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**From:** Graham, Amy  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 2, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Superfund

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**Subject: RE: Superfund**

That's correct. We will begin to  
assess other sites after flood  
waters recede in those areas.

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**From:** Biesecker, Michael  
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**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2017  
1:09 PM  
**To:** Graham, Amy  
<[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>;  
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**Cc:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>;  
Gray, David  
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**Subject:** RE: Superfund

When does EPA expect it will be able to visit and assess flooded sites in Houston and Port Arthur? After the floodwaters waters recede?

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**From:** Graham, Amy  
[<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 01, 2017  
1:04 PM  
**To:** Biesecker, Michael; StClair, Christie  
**Cc:** Press; Gray, David  
**Subject:** RE: Superfund

Michael - Unified Command personnel inspected two Superfund sites in the Corpus Christi area yesterday. Both the Falcon Refinery Site and the Brine Service Site show no significant damage. No emergency clean up response for storm damage is needed at the two sites.

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**From:** Biesecker, Michael  
[<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 1, 2017  
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Graham, Amy  
<[graham.amy@epa.gov](mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Superfund

Christie, Amy,

Following up from earlier in the week, AP is still seeking details on what EPA is doing regarding flooded Superfund sites. EPA's press release on Wednesday said EPA is "assesses conditions at the NPL Superfund sites in the storm's impact area" and was "began rapid assessments at two sites that are accessible after floodwaters have receded and this work will continue."

Which sites were those? What did EPA find? Did EPA take samples to determine whether contaminants leached out into floodwaters? Were more sites visited and assessed on Thursday? How many people has EPA assigned to this work?

I will add that AP has visited three Houston-area superfund sites yesterday. All were still heavily flooded and we saw no state or federal personnel there (or anyone else). We are visiting and documenting more sites today.

Michael

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